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1. [redacted] the following Communist controls on radio sets were in effect in Canton:
 - a. [redacted] merchants were given permission to sell radio receivers. Prior to this time co-operatives were the sole agencies authorized to sell receivers.
 - b. Only long-wave receiving sets were sold to civilians. Before buying a set, civilians were required to obtain the written permission of their local public security bureau, and after the purchase the set had to be taken to the same office for registration.
 - c. The Communists used high-power jamming to prevent listeners from hearing foreign news broadcasts on short-wave sets. Women and children were used as informants to watch their neighbors and report on anyone listening to short-wave broadcasts.
2. [redacted] persons in Canton who listened to the Voice of America broadcasts were subject to arrest. After this date controls were continued but were less severe, and many people secretly resumed listening to these broadcasts.

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Comment. [redacted] similar controls being exercised in Chiehshing hsien (N 30-46, E 120-45), Chekiang, [redacted] An [redacted] tightening of radio controls in Shanghai.

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